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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL TALKS

1. CIVAIR TALKS ADJOURNED MAY 9. IN VIEW POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES HERE USDEL THOUGHT DESIRABLE BE FORTHCOMING ON DATE NEXT ROUND AND THEREFORE TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED JULY 23, SUBJECT FINAL CONFIRMATION BY USG.

2. SEPARATE MEMCONS ON SKED AND CHARTER TALKS SIGNED MAY 9 BEING POUCHED MAY 14.

3. FOLLOWING JOINT PRESS RELEASE AGREED FOR RELEASE 1600 IN CANBERRA ON MAY 10.

QUOTE AUSTRALIA- UNITED STATES AIR TALKS

(JOINT STATEMENT BY THE U. S. AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATIONS)

AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE TO STUDY AN AUSTRALIAN PLAN AIMED AT STABILISING AIRLINE CAPACITY.

THIS IS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF AIR SERVICE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE HELD IN MELBOURNE.

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THE TALKS WERE ADJOURNED TODAY TO ALLOW FURTHER STUDY OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROPOSALS AND AIR TRAFFIC DATA PUT FORWARD BY BOTH DELEGATIONS.

THEY WILL BE RESUMED IN WASHINGTON SHROTLY- PROBABLY IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST.

THE TALKS WERE HELD AT THE REQUEST OF AUSTRALIA FOLLOWING CESSATION OF QANTAS' TRANS- PACIFIC SERVICES BEYOND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORWARD BY BOTH DELEGATIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE AIR ROUTES OPERATED BY THE AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AUSTRALIA- U. S. AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. THESE TOO ARE TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN WASHINGTON.

THE MEETING ALSO REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CHARTER FLIGHT FIELD INCLUDING AUSTRALIA' S AUTHORISATION OF EXPERIMENTAL INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER PROGRAMS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA. THE PROGRAM HAS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION INDICATED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO AUTHORISE A PROGRAM OF INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER FLIGHTS IN 1974 BETWEEN THE U. S. AND AUSTRALIA SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH AUSTRALIA ALREADY HAD, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, APPROVED FOR A U. S. AIRLINE. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA WOULD EXPECT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO GRANT QANTAS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE U. S. ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.

BOTH DLEGATIONS AGRRRD THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXAMINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF CHARTER SERVICES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. THEY REVIEWED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO ACHIEVE THIS AND AGREED TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER, TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE NEW CHARTER CONCEPTS WHICH COULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE LONG TERM, IN FURTHER DETAIL DURING THE NEXT MEETING. UNQUOTE.
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